



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

October 18, 2005

**S. 1238**

**Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 28, 2005*

**SUMMARY**

S. 1238 would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million a year for implementing restoration, conservation, and fire-prevention projects in national parks. Under the bill, the Public Land Corps would administer the projects, and youth conservation organizations would carry out the projects. Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$5 million in 2006 and \$60 million over the 2006-2010 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1238 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1238 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in fiscal year 2006, that the specified amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year, and that outlays will follow historical trends. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$5 million in 2006 and by \$60 million over the 2006-2010 period for administering restoration, conservation, and fire-prevention projects in national parks. Spending after 2010 would continue at the authorized level of \$15 million a year.

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	15	15	15	15	15
Estimated Outlays	5	10	15	15	15

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a. The bill would provide a permanent authorization of \$15 million a year.

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## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1238 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

## **PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On October 18, 2005, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2875, the Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 22, 2005. The two pieces of legislation are almost identical. However, H.R. 2875 would specify the authorization of appropriation for 2007 through 2011, while S. 1238 would specify a permanent authorization of appropriation. The cost estimates reflect this difference.

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